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Flooding Update

As of 5/6/17 at 10:30 am

Collinsville, IL - The Illinois Department of Transportation announces several current road closures due to major flooding within District 8: **IL 3** at Nine Mile Creek near Ellis Grove in Randolph County; **Chester River Bridge** across the Mississippi River due to closure of MO-51 in Perryville, MO; **IL 100** from US 67 in Alton to Pearl in Pike County; **IL 3 @ IL 100** in Grafton; **IL 100 @ IL 96** in Kampsville; **Brussels Ferry**; **IL 3** south of Chester; **US 50** at Silver Creek between O'Fallon and Lebanon in St. Clair County; **IL 3 truck bypass (Water St.)** in Chester; **Kaskaskia Street** in Chester; **IL 155** in Prairie DuRocher; and **US 67 from the Clark Bridge going into Missouri** will have two-way traffic in the northbound lanes - providing one lane for each travel direction when entering Missouri. Access to/from Illinois at Alton remains available. In addition, IL 143 at IL 255 in Wood River is reduced to one-lane in each direction.

The following roads opened yesterday: **Marine-St. Jacob Road** between Lake Rd and School House Road and **I-255 SB Exit Ramp** to State Street.

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois. Flooding has or will require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers as well as several creeks and streams. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website, <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/home/Comm/emergency-road-closures>, for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/>. For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8>.



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